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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ABC BROADCAST FROM HONG KONG WHICH
RAISED QUESTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK OCT. 4:

"HENRY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PEKING LATER THIS MONTH WILL
HAVE ONE MAIN OBJECTIVE, THE FULL DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF
RED CHINA BY THE UNITED STATES. A MOST RELIABLE SOURCE TOLD
ME OVER THE TELEPHONE FROM PEKING TODAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE
UNOFFICIAL U.S. MISSION THERE EXPECT TO BE MANNING AN
AMERICAN EMBASSY WITHIN A YEAR. THIS IS CONFIRMED BY
COMMUNIST SOURCES HERE IN HONG KONG WHO BELIEVE THE FIRST
STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS
BREAKING OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN. MY SOURCES
THINK IT SIGNIFICANT THAT THE U.S. OPENED A TRADE OFFICE
RECENTLY ON THE NATIONALIST HELD ISLAND. JAPAN DID JUST THAT
SHORTLY BEFORE CLOSING HER EMBASSY LEAVING THE TRADE OFFICE
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AS AN UNOFFICIAL CONSULATE. PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS ON

THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION HAVE ALREADY BEEN HELD THROUGH
THE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN PEKING."

SECRETARY INSTRUCTED DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN NEW YORK
TO SAY "THIS IS PURE SPECULATION. THERE IS NO SUCH PLAN."
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